

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 16 of page 3 with the following:

Also, in case of the heating operation, the refrigerant compressed in the compressor 23 passes through the indoor expansion device 15 and the indoor heat exchanger 13 of the indoor unit 11 by the four-way valve 31 through the second refrigerant path 42, and the refrigerant discharged from the indoor unit 11 is introduced into the outdoor heat exchanger 33 through the ~~first~~ first refrigerant path 41. The refrigerant which has passed through the outdoor heat exchanger 33 passes through the four-way valve 31 and the accumulator 35 ~~thus~~ to thus be introduced into the compressor 23. Accordingly, by said heating cycle of a refrigerant, the heating operation of the air conditioner is performed.